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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: STORAGE SYSTEM, DISK CONTROL CLUSTER AND  
A METHOD OF INCREASING OF DISK CONTROL  
CLUSTER

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 16 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Transmittal of Japanese Patent app. 2001-294048 to claim priority date of September 26, 2001.
- ☐ Applicant requests non-publication.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration

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